

REMARKS

Claim 1 calls for a circuit board and a display panel. The display panel is electrically coupled to the circuit board in face-to-face abutment substantially along a plane. An electrical connection includes a first contact, a second contact, and a conductor. The first contact contacts the circuit board. The second contact contacts the display panel. The conductor couples the first and second contacts and extends generally along the plane.

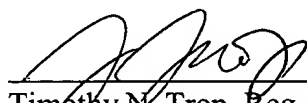
Referring to the illustrated embodiment, it is clear then that the first contact is the element 32 that contacts the display panel 12. The other contact is the item 32 which connects to the circuit board. The conductor then is implemented by the metallization 34, as shown in Figure 2.

Thus, the Examiner is correct that 32 is one of the contacts. In fact, 28 and 32 are the contacts and 34 is the conductor. The problem is that the cited reference has nothing that corresponds to the conductor and, therefore, is an opposite. That is, while the solder balls could be the contacts, they cannot be the conductor. That is because the conductor has to extend substantially along the plane between the display panel and the circuit board and extend between the first and second contacts. There is no such conductor that meets any of these limitations in the cited reference.

Therefore, reconsideration is requested.

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